

thanks to the blood, sweat, and fortitude of the 18,000 airmen and their families that maintain the highest levels of readiness and capability. Every single day this all-volunteer force provides essential aerial refueling, airlift operations, aeromedical evacuation, highly specialized rapid response contingency operations capabilities, and unmatched support to produce and execute rapid global mobility in support of our national defense.

Last year alone the men and women of Travis Air Force Base met a challenge of colossal scale when they played a pivotal role in completing the drawdown of forces from Afghanistan. Team Travis aircrews evacuated 12,962 Afghans while managing security and operations at the airport in Kabul.

The valor and heroism displayed by the men and women of Travis was imitable and worthy of recognition. Last month, I spoke with Captain Kayleigh Migalesdi, who helped evacuate 117 orphan children from the region during Operation Allies Refuge. She spoke about how she would have been at the Abbey Gate the moment a suicide bomber killed 13 Americans had it not been for an orphaned child who needed her assistance elsewhere on base. With tears in her eyes, she told me that she owed her life to that child, who she later helped reach safety and begin a new life. Capt. Migalesdi's story is just one of the many stories I heard that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base. Service records only scratch the surface of the courageous actions performed by these men and women. They put their hearts and lives on the line to save so many. I am grateful every day that I have the opportunity to represent such an upstanding community in Congress.

This total force effort of active and reserve airmen directly enabled the largest non-combatant evacuation operation in known world history, ultimately saving over 124,000 lives. Simply put, Travis Air Force Base is the very best our Nation has to offer. Its strategic importance stands as a beacon of hope to our allies and a stern reminder of American resolve to our enemies. On behalf of a grateful Nation and all the constituents of California's Third Congressional District, I would like to thank the men and women of Travis Air Force Base and express my sincere gratitude for their sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great Nation.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and sincere admiration that I rise today to celebrate Black History Month and its 2022 theme—Black Health and Wellness.

This year's theme recognizes the achievements and initiatives of African Americans in healthcare while simultaneously highlighting the disparities that still exist in our country. As we reflect on the past, we must examine how race and racism have created additional barriers for African American health outcomes.

Specific to Northwest Indiana, I would like to take a moment to recognize and commemo-

rate the notable achievements of Dr. Clarence Boone, a well-known obstetrician-gynecologist and leader in our region's medical community.

Dr. Boone was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. He graduated from Froebel High School in Gary in 1949 and went on to attend Indiana University—where he earned a degree in anatomy and physiology. He then made history as one of five Black students enrolled at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1952.

After medical school, Dr. Boone returned to his hometown in Gary and spent his career advocating for African Americans and women in the medical field. He served as President of the Medical Staff of Methodist Hospital and as Medical Director for Planned Parenthood of Northwest Indiana. Dr. Boone is remembered as a community mentor who was committed to providing medical service to individuals who would not otherwise have access to it.

While we have made progress to improve access to affordable health care options, there still is a long way to go. Generations of strict geographical segregation have left many hospitals and medical care centers that continue to serve African American communities under-resourced and under-staffed.

Evident prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and certainly emphasized by it, these shortages have resulted in African Americans being more susceptible to illness, less likely to receive adequate treatment, and placed further at-risk for complications.

While I appreciate the milestones reached through the passage of the Affordable Care Act, more must be done to improve access to affordable health care and decrease the gap in health-related outcomes for African Americans.

With this year's celebration of Black History Month, let us honor Dr. Boone from Gary and all African American scholars and medical professionals who have played such a monumental role with their contributions to health care in the state of Indiana and throughout our country, and let us recommit to ending health disparities for African Americans that still exist today.

RECOGNIZING THE MINTER FIELD AIR MUSEUM

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Minter Field Air Museum on the 80th anniversary of the dedication of Minter Field Army Air Corps Base.

Minter Field began operations in June of 1941. By 1942, the base had become one of the largest training bases on the west coast. Nearly 12,000 pilots received basic training and over 7,000 personnel manned the field during its years of operation. During World War II, more than 11,000 Army Air Corps Cadets graduated from Minter Field. These cadets went on to fly around the globe and in all theaters of the war.

On February 7, 1942, the base was named in honor of First Lieutenant Hugh C. Minter, a World War I veteran that lost his life in a collision over March Field in July 1932.

Minter Field Air Museum is located in the base's original fire station. The Museum has

compiled a database of over 11,500 names of cadets and staff, as well as a DVD library of over 900 hours of military and aviation videos. Their preservation efforts will allow Kern County to continue to honor the veterans who trained at Minter Field Army Air Corps Base for many years to come.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Minter Field Air Museum for its dedication to preserving the history of Minter Field and Kern County aviation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert Phillip Storch, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, and Christopher Joseph Lowman, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and Peter J. Beshar, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's Working Group on Financial Markets report on stablecoins.

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Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on identifying and addressing barriers to care.

WEBEX

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine supporting quality workforce development opportunities and innovation to address barriers to employment.

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